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**USTR ANNOUNCES ALLOCATION OF THE 200,000 METRIC TON
INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE UNDER
THE RAW CANE SUGAR TARIFF-RATE QUOTA**

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky today announced the country-by-country allocations for the 200,000 metric ton (220,462 short ton) increase in the amount available under the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota for Fiscal Year 1998. This allocation is based on the countries' historical trade to the United States.

The 200,000 metric ton increase in the amount available for the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota is being allocated to the following countries in metric tons, raw value:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Current FY 1998 Allocation</u>	<u>Additional Allocation</u>	<u>New FY 1998 Allocation</u>
Argentina	48,101	8,731	56,832
Australia	92,846	16,853	109,699
Barbados	7,830	0	7,830
Belize	12,305	2,234	14,538
Bolivia	8,949	1,624	10,573
Brazil	162,201	29,442	191,642
Colombia	26,847	4,873	31,720
Congo	7,258	0	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258	0	7,258
Costa Rica	16,779	3,046	19,825
Dominican Republic	196,878	35,736	232,614
Ecuador	12,305	2,234	14,538

El Salvador	29,084	5,279	34,363	
Fiji	10,068	1,827	11,895	
Gabon	7,258	0		7,258
Guatemala	53,694	9,746	63,440	
Guyana	13,424	2,437	15,860	
Haiti	7,258	0		7,258
Honduras	11,186	2,030	13,217	
India	8,949	1,624	10,573	
Jamaica	12,305	2,234	14,538	
Madagascar	7,258	0		7,258
Malawi	11,186	2,030	13,217	
Mauritius	13,424	2,437	15,860	
Mexico	25,000	0		25,000
Mozambique	14,542	2,640	17,182	
Nicaragua	23,491	4,264	27,755	
Panama	32,440	5,888	38,328	
Papua New Guinea	7,258	0		7,258
Paraguay	7,258	0		7,258
Peru	45,864	8,325	54,189	
Philippines	151,015	27,411	178,426	
South Africa	25,728	4,670	30,398	
St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258	0		7,258
Swaziland	17,898	3,249	21,147	
Taiwan	13,424	2,437	15,860	
Thailand	15,661	2,843	18,503	
Trinidad-Tobago	7,830	1,421	9,252	
Uruguay	7,258	0		7,258
Zimbabwe	<u>13,424</u>	<u>2,437</u>	<u>15,860</u>	
Total	1,200,000	200,000	1,400,000	

Allocations to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications.

Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons